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SUBJECT: VISIT BY IRAQ RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN

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1. MAY 5-7 VISIT OF IRAQ RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN
AT INVITATION OF PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV BEGAN WITH CUSTOMARY
FANFARE FOR ARAB SOCIALIST LEADER, BUT TRAILED OFF, PROBABLY
IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF COMPETITION FROM BUILD-UP AND
COVERAGE OF THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY EVENTS. HOWEVER,
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JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT WAS MORE RESTRAINED

THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED. PROTOCOL ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED, BUT FOLLOWING USUAL BULGARIAN PRACTICE NO DETAILS WERE RELEASED.

2. IN DINNER TOAST SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REMARKS ON IMPERIALISM WERE UNDOUBTEDLY PARTICULARLY PLEASING TO BULGARIANS. HE DESCRIBED CURRENT PEOPLES' STRUGGLES AS "STAGE PRECEDING FINAL LIQUIDATION OF IMPERIALISM ON PLANET". HE CONTINUED THAT IMPERIALIST LINE WAS EXPRESSED IN THREATS OF WAR AGAINST PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND THAT IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES, "MORE PARTICULARLY US", INSTEAD OF ENGAGING IN CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS ARE STRIVING TO SET UP OIL CONSUMING BLOC.

3. INTERESTINGLY PARAGRAPH IN PRO-FORMA JOINT COMMUNIQUE STATES AN "IMPORTANT FACTOR" IN SUCCESS IN STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONIST AGGRESSION IS STRENGTHENING OF ARAB COOPERATION WITH "THEIR GENUINE FRIENDS, IN THE FIRST PLACE THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COUNTRIES WITH A SOCIALIST SOCIETY".

4. ON KURDISH QUESTION AND IRAN, ZHIVKOV IN DINNER TOAST EXPRESSED "DEEP UNDERSTANDING FOR POLICY OF GOI IN THE DEMOCRATIC RESOLUTION OF KURDISH NATIONAL QUESTION", WHILE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE BULGARIA WENT ON RECORD AS "EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAQ AND IRAN".

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